The Gatekeeper

The offical newsletter of the

Barony of Unser Hafen

December 2025

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Hello Lovely populace!

As we approach the hectic holidays, please remember to stay safe! It is sad to have to miss events due to weather or illness, but We would rather see you another time, in good health and in once piece.

This month, Safiyya will be attending Windkeep Yule and We will both be attending Caer Galen Midwinter, which both promise to be wonderful holiday celebrations. We hope to see you there!

In love and service,

Kitta and Safiyya

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Seneschal's Sentiments

Greetings Unser Hafen!

Our November has been quiet as we plan for fun in 2026. Arts and Science events are on the horizon and Newcomers will be happening in August.

For the next two months, the Outlands will be a very busy place. Windkeep Yule, Caer Galen's Midwinter and al-Barran's Midwinter will be celebrating the December season. Then January will bring Caerthe's One Thousand Nights @ 12th Night, Viking Vinter Vunderland in Aarquelle, the Virtual Knowne World Heraldic & Scribal

these events, details are available on the Outlands and Unser Hafen calendars.

On this day of Thanks, I give thanks for my family that is Unser Hafen. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Until we meet again, I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

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Herald's Call

Hello, good folk of Unser Hafen!

It finally snowed up here in the chilly mountains (though not very much)... alas! That won't stop me from sitting in front of the fire anyway, and catching up on my consultations!

Last month I was requested by Bears Gate to give a beginner class regarding the basics of armory and how to design devices. We had a lovely little turnout at the university, with a handful of newcomers learning what the SCA is right then and there! For any of said newcomers reading this, welcome to this game we play! Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any further questions regarding heraldry. And even if you weren't there, reach out with your questions anyway! I'm always here to help.

If you would prefer to speak with me in-person, I may or may not be attending Windkeep Yule, but I'll definitely be at Caer Galen Midwinter. Otherwise, please reach out via email, Messenger, or Discord if you have any need of me whatsoever. Thank you!

Yours in service,

Hilarion Barbican

Scribal Notes

December's Scribal Night will be on the third Monday, **December 15th -- our Yule Social!**

As always, dinner will be available at **6pm**. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly. Or if you would like to provide dinner, volunteers are always appreciated! For our **Yule Social** feel free to bring Festive Treats!

Classes by Mistress Anne Elizabeth will resume in February, 2026.
If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email scribe@unserhafen.org with your ideas!

ALSO: Please note this request from our Kingdom Scribe, Phaidra of Phaestos:

Hello Scribes!

I am updating the Kingdom Scribal Roster and would also like to start a feature on social media spotlighting the scribes of the Kingdom and your work. Scrolls are shown briefly in Court, and your names are read at that time, and people don't always have a face to go with your name and art. I plan to post photos of you scribes and your work, along with a little blurb about you. Please fill out the survey in the link below. It is optional to be included in the social media posts, so those questions are optional in the survey. But I hope I get to feature all of you, because you deserve it! If you know any scribes who are not on Facebook, please share the link with them.

In Service,
Phaidra
Survey
link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScYsLDXeERtXo_MHOklE2745aqdbCjanc67l_1iwwaKa1rXsg/viewform

See you all in December!
Yours in Service,
Regalis dei Falchi, Baronial Scribe

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Fighter Practice

And A&S Gathering
Has moved to its winter location!
Sundays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
CSU Glenn Morris Fieldhouse
901 S College Ave, Fort Collins

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Medieval Night

Locust Cidery

First Monday of every month
6-9 pm at Locust Ciderry,
200 Walnut St, Fort Collins.
Map
Free Admission

Join us the first Monday of each month for dancing,
garb making, arts and crafts,and general merriment.

Garb is encouraged but not required.

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White Rose Inn

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The White Rose Inn is open again!

will be exploring medieval crafts and games as well as food. Come and hang out and share your scintillating conversation.

No SCA garb is required, and you are welcome to bring along food if you didn't have time for dinner or if you want to share your latest medieval exploration.

Wednesday Dec 10, 2025
The Inn will be at the home of Countess Richenda and Jarl Freana
1232 Lawrence Dr in Fort Collins (map)
Phone (913) 219-3808
Subject: Make and Take Medieval Spice Blends/ Holiday potluck

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Call for Submissions

Anyone can write for the Gatekeeper!

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to chronicler@unserhafen.org and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.

Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to webminister@unserhafen.org and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication.

Submissions are due by the 27th of the month (except February, when it is the 24th,) but are accepted at any time.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

Why do we help? Because we care. Because we love the game. Because we know we belong and so do you.

We are the doers, we are the makers, we bear the spirit of the Pelican. And so can you!

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Volunteer opportunities range from Event Stewards, Officers and Deputies, PayPal Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

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Baronial Goings On

Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering
Sundays,2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM
See Fighter Practice section above for location.
We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing!
Updates can be found on the Book of Faces.
Garb is encouraged but not required.

Archery Practice
Archery practice is every Saturday unless cancelled due to conflicts (such as local events). Practice will be at our winter location starting November 1st.
Rocky Mountain Archery
4518 Innovation Dr, Fort Collins, CO 8052

Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice

Equestrian Practice
Fourth Sunday of every month.
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

Scribal Night
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, (map) or virtually - check the Book of Faces for links to the meetings.

For more information contact scribe@unserhafen.org.

Going on in Sterling

Medieval Night
First Saturday of the month at 6:00pm.
High Plains Dice and Games
100 Broadway Street Suite 12
Sterling, CO 80752

Barbican Office Hours
On hiatus.
Time and place to be determined.

Calligraphy &/or Illumination
Contact: Regalis dei Falchi
Email:scribe@unserhafen.org

Craft Day at Regalis'
Winter Hiatus for December and January
Returns February 7th
10 am to 6 pm.
5318 Ravenswood Lane
Johnstown, CO

Dance Practice
No dance practice in December; moving to Gunter Hall Gym in January.

First Sunday of the month, noon to 4 pm.
North Sterling State Park Range
24005 Co Rd 330
Sterling, CO 80751
For more details, contact
Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or
Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

Visit the Website for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

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Disclaimer

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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Upcoming Events

Come join Windkeep in celebrating Yule. Fighting, Fencing, Feasting, and other fun festivities. People's choice A&S competition throughout the day.

Laramie County Fair
Event Cemter at Archer
3801 Archer Pkwy
Cheyenne, WY
Event Site

Caer Galen MIdwinter

Lost in a Snowstorm
December 13th @ 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Church of the Lookout
7845 Lookout Road
Gunbarrel (Longmont), CO 80503
Event Site

Dragon's Feast and Folly

(Tentative)
December 14 @ 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Barony of Dragonnspine
Colorado Springs, CO

One Thousand Nights & 12rh Night

January 3rd @ 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
January 4th War Practice
Both days at
9755 Henderson Road
Brighton, CO 8-601

Winter Coronation

Day One
January 17th @9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Church of the Lookout
7845 Lookout Road
Gaunbarrel, CO

Day Two
January 18th @ 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Roosevelt Memorial Center
700 Longs Peak Avenue
Longmont, CO

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Check the Unser Hafen website or The Book of Faces for additional upcoming events and locations.

Populace Meeting

Virtual Populace Meeting

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm except for
Quarterly Gatherings/ Populace Meetings
Held in person at location to be announced.
Come and enjoy food and fellowship, along with a little business.

December Virtual Populace Meeting
December 17
Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi
Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

For questions, contact seneschal@unserhafen.org

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Kingdom Calendar

Please visit
https://www.outlands.org/events
for the most up-to-date information.

Court of Unser Hafen

Her Excellency
Baroness Kitta Ragnvaldsdottír
baroness@unserhafen.org

Her Excellency
Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al Dani
baroness@unserhafen.org

Court Herald - Master Don Andreas von Meißen
Defender - Lady Sophia Rares
Protector - THL AgmundrThorolfsson
Warden - Lord Alain du Chateau
Equerry - Hancarata Aethnen filia Cuneddae
Arts & Sciences Champion - Lord Gilbertus
Pencerdd Bard - Lady Aelia Dryantilla
Heads of Household - THL Cecilia Caterina de Firenze and Lord Eilifr Breiðskeggr

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Call for Letters of Intent

Call for Letters of Intent for the position of Chronicler, who creates and distributes this newsletter, using a free MailChimp account. Maintains a list of subscribers in MailChimp. Also responsible for any graphics needed using Inkscape (free).

Social Media

Call for Letters of Intent for the position of Social Media, who keeps social media accounts, such as Facebook, up to date with the latests news.

In your letter please include:

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.
- Your email address.
- A copy of your membership card or membership number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via seneschal@unserhafen.org
- The Unser Hafen Baronesses Kitta and Safiyya, via baroness@unserhafen.org

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/call-for-officers

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Baronial Officers

Seneschal:
President
Baroness Meadhbh Daingen Int Slebhe
seneschal@unserhafen.org

Chancellor of the Exchequer:

Knight Marshal:
Martial Arts Coordinator
Sir Uchtred Leifsson
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Captain of Archers:
Archery Coordinator

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[Lord Galen FitzThomas}]
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Lady Caillech dhe Silvertongue
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Ladies Laurel M. & Valerie F.
webministerl@unserhafen.org

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Manages social media accounts such as Facebook
Lady Lewena de Galwedia
socialmedia@unserhafen.org

Marshal of Fence:
Fencing Coordinator
Don Martin de Cuniga
[Maksym Wilozynski]
fence@unserhafen.org

Equestrian:
Coordinates the organization and safety of equestrian activities.
Lady Cecelia O'Connor
equestrian@unserhafen.org

Chatelaine/ Gold Key:
Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator
Proviides loaner garb for newcomers
Lord Gilbertus de Messina
[Lady Caírech Liath ingen Alpin]
chatelaine@unserhafen.org

Quartermaster:
Maintains and tracks equipment and assists Event Stewards with access to the storage unit.
Lady Laurel M.
quartermaster@unserhafen.org

{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

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Awards and Recognitions

Hype your friends!

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.
Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the website.
A list of Baronial Awards can be found here.
A list of Kingdom Awards is available here.

Copy/paste versions of embedded website links:

Barony of Unser Hafen website:

- https://unserhafen.org

Barony of Unser Hafen Facebook page:

- https://www.facebook.com/BaronyOfUnserHafen/

Locust Cidery (Medieval Night)

Armoured and Fencing Website:

- https://unserhafen.org/rapier-heavy-summer

Archery Website:

- https://unserhafen.wixsite.com/unserhafen/archery-summer

Kingdom Calendar:

- https://www.outlands.org/events

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